

Cape Elizabeth Town Council Goals for 2016

Ordinances and Policies

Develop a plan to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan
Take action on recommendations of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Review with the Cape Elizabeth School Board the Community Services Program and its oversight.
Review the boards and commissions ordinance reviewing the terms of reference for all committees
Consider a plan for 100% cell coverage for the community.
Review all policies relating to archery hunting in the community.
Update the sign ordinance.
Update the Harbors Report originally prepared in the late 1980s.
Receive a report on the firing range permit for the Spurwink Rod and Gun Club
Review obstacles that detract from businesses locating in the town center zone.

Communication and Outreach

Conduct a citizen survey that benchmarks responses from other communities with Cape Elizabeth's responses.
Provide regular updates to citizens via email.
Continue and expand citizen roundtables to gather citizen input and to encourage a dialogue as part of these roundtables
Enhance board training and board goals setting .
Enhance communication with the school board with a meeting early in 2016.
Clarify roles and responsibilities for council review of the school budget.
Collaborate with local organizations seeking to enhance community livability including the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation, the Fort Williams Park Foundation, the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation and the Cape Farm Alliance.
Update the website for Portland Head Light.
Recognize a citizen with the Ralph Gould Award
Engage with the State of Maine on issues relating to the state parks.

Facilities and Property

Schedule a citizen vote on the report of the Solid Waste and Recycling Long Range Planning Committee.
Approve a plan to improve humidity control and update the chlorination system at the Donald Richards Community Pool.
Review and approve a conceptual plan for the bleacher area of Fort Williams Park.
Improve the pedestrian experience in the town center looking at speed limits, lighting and crosswalks.
Develop a plan to improve pedestrian access on Scott Dyer Road and to Fowler Road.
Develop a plan to beautify the town center including plantings, banners and other low cost initiatives.
Approve a plan for reuse of the former library building.
Develop a plan for the improvement of Hill Way.
Resolve in 2016 which paper streets shall be extended for an additional 20 years.

Budget and Finance

Clarify roles and responsibilities for council review of the school budget.
Provide a hold harmless provision in the adopted annual budget if the state school subsidy should fall short of the budgeted amount.
Review opportunities to provide additional revenue at Fort Williams Park.
Review revenues from sources other than the property tax.
Utilize a business model to review goals including looking at their costs, both direct and indirect and how costs will be paid for.
Seek opportunities for personnel sharing with neighboring communities.

Sustainability

Receive a report showing missing links in the cross town greenbelt trail and detailing other significant links to neighborhoods.
Review all uses of the greenbelt trail.
Consider allowing horses to use the greenbelt trails at all times.
Consider banning the use of all pesticides on town owned property.
Review renewable energy options including solar energy with a committee of interested citizens.
Consider banning all single use plastic bags in retail establishments.
Receive information on the use of aquaculture in our coastal waters.